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## Some men in "our town" still believe they can benefit their own business by knocking on competitors

### Who Gets the Big Profits?

It has been insisted by some of those who are honestly concerned about the high cost of living that the simplest and most direct way of determining where the cost of food unduly accumulates is to go to the producer and from him trace any particular product until it reaches the consumer. In this manner it would be possible to place the blame for unreasonable profits. Within the last few weeks this suggestion has brought forth some interesting communications from the farmers and small storekeepers in the country towns which prove, if they prove anything, that the farmer is not getting more than a decent price for his products while the consumer is paying extortionate rates. Somewhere along the line between these extremes there is a handler who gets more than his just share of profits.

If a farmer brings his eggs to his local merchant, for example, and sells them at 11 cents a dozen, it does not stand to reason that by the time these same eggs reach the consumer they should cost twice that sum. But that appears to be the fact. One estimate outlines the transaction thus: Original price paid to the farmer by the country storekeeper, 11 cents a dozen; cost of transportation, 1 cent a dozen; divided between the commission merchant and the retail grocer, 8 cents a dozen; cost to the consumer, 20 cents a dozen. We are not, of course, prepared to verify this statement. It may be inaccurate. But the fact seems to be that the farmers do not get for their eggs more than about half the price the consumer pays.

If this condition prevails in the marketing of eggs, it must also exist in varying degrees in the matter of butter, poultry, vegetables, fruits, etc. Therefore it would seem not only logical but necessary, if any intelligent basis is to be secured for investigating the high cost of living, to start at the production of food and follow it to the consumer. In this way all the manipulations, commissions, shrinkage, transportation charges and every other item of expense and profit could be ascertained. If the broker is found to be making more on the product than the producer and shipper, without taking commensurate risks, he could be saddled with the blame. But, in any event, this method of procedure would clear the atmosphere and lead the way to getting rid of the commercial parasites who, somewhere between the farmers and the consumers, get more than is legitimately coming to them.—K. C. Journal.

### Names.

On his Western tour last fall Col. Roosevelt defined the progressive movement of the day as New Nationalism. In a series of articles he is writing on the subject for the Outlook he now styles it Progressive Nationalism. In some of its aspects it is called Insurgency. Woodrow Wilson calls it Representative Government and says that in proposing the initiative and referendum "we are not doing away with representative government. We are simply making sure that we are going to have representative government." Whatever the movement is called, it is in reality only the old original true Americanism.

### A Desperate Case.

A Western physician received the following from a brother physician:

"Dear Doc, I have a pashunt whose physical signs shows that the windpipe has ulcerated off and his lungs have dropped into his stomach. I have given him every think without effect his father is wealthy honorable and influential as he is a member of assembly, and god nose I don't want to lose him what shall I do ans by return male. Yours frat. DOC TISHBEIN.

A fine baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Franklin, Tuesday.

Mrs. J. F. Tilton gave a dinner Monday evening to the Moses and Townsley families in honor of her son, Frank H. Easley, of San Jose, Calif.

### The Masquerade at Ellinwood.

The masquerade given by the Ellinwood Maennerchor at their hall in Ellinwood last Monday night was a big success, considering the weather. One of the largest crowds that ever assembled at a mask ball had gathered early and promptly at 8:30 the Maennerchor opened the ball with a song and march.

Great Bend was well represented at the dance and two of Great Bend's young people were awarded prizes. Miss Bertha Johnson, dressed as "night" was given the prize for the best dressed lady, and J. E. Reser for the most comically dressed gent. Other prizes were given to the satisfaction of all. There were various characters and costumes introduced and among them was a real Jeffries Johnson fight also the much talked of "harem skirt" was in evidence.

Music was furnished by Morris' orchestra and the dancing continued until 2:30 in the morning.

Miss Nellie Johnson left Wednesday for Nekoma where she will visit her parents a few days. J. J. Moran left Tuesday evening for a business trip west.

T. E. Shinnick is the new bookkeeper at the telephone office. He comes from Clarksville, Tenn., and is a brother of J. H. Shinnick, of the Walnut Creek Mills. Miss Ellen Squires, of Sterling, is the guest of Mrs. Lischesky this week.

J. M. Pratt of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the guest of the Griffin family this week.

L. E. Moses of the Moses Bros. Mill & Elevator Co., attended to business matters in Kansas City and Topeka, and visited with his family in K. C. last week.

Wells Thompson returned Saturday after spending a week at the bedside of a sick relative in Lawrence.

J. K. McMullen was in town between trains Friday. Mrs. McMullen and the babies who have been visiting relatives here for a week returned home with him.

### Marriage Licenses.

Miss Martha Lebbin Ellinwood, Frank Schmid, Ellinwood.

### Troillet

One of Great Bend's most highly respected citizens, Joseph Troillet, passed to the Great Beyond, Friday night, at his home in this city. Mr. Troillet had been in fairly good health until about a week previous to his death, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis and for a few days seemed to be improving when a second shock came which he was unable to withstand and he gradually sank until death came.

He was born Dec. 21 1843 in Bagnes Suisse, Switzerland, and came to America when but a young man. Soon after his arrival in this country he located in Leavenworth and remained there for several years when he came to Great Bend, and opened a tailor shop. He afterward disposed of his shop and started a confectionary store which he continued until the time of his death.

On March 6, 1882, he was married to Anna Frances Bobeck, who died a few years ago. To this union three daughters were born, Lillian, Elsa, and Alma and the three are left to mourn his loss.

Mr. Troillet was a man of good character and was respected by everyone. His presence at the store will be greatly missed by his friends.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 at the home, conducted by Rev. W. E. Brehm of the Congregational church and his body laid to rest in the Great Bend Cemetery.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved daughters who are left without father or mother.

### Garvey.

Mrs. Margaret Garvey, whose death occurred at St. Rose Hospital, this city Friday, Feb. 24th, was born in Auburn, Illinois, on Jan. 27, 1844, being at the time of her death, 67 years old.

She was united in marriage to Marvin Garvey, at Springfield, Ill. While this couple were not

### Signs of Spring.

Eggs are getting so cheap now, says Bert Walker, that the old-fashioned citizen can wear them not only on his chin but also on his shirt front. This recalls another egg story. One man met another on the street. Man No. 1 had egg smeared all over his chin. Man No. 2, said to him: "I am a mind reader. I can tell you what you ate for breakfast this morning."

"What did I eat?" asked No. 1. "Eggs" replied Man No. 2. "You're wrong," said No. 1. "I had eggs for breakfast yesterday morning."

### Work For The State.

The amount of practical work done by the University of Kansas is fairly represented by such a department as that of civil and sanitary engineering, for example. This department furnishes sanitary experts and engineers for the state board of health; conducts investigations of the water supply for towns and cities; furnishes engineers for proposed city plants for water supply and sewage disposal of which fifty have already been completed, costing \$1,500,000; does work on flood protection and for good roads; tests paving brick for cities of Kansas, investigates lime stone for macadam roads and pavements; tests concrete and cement and investigates the value of cheap mixtures of cement, mortars, and concrete; investigates the strength of materials and the value of the various Kansas building stones. The head of this department is the president of the Sigma Xi scientific society and is a member of the National Council of the Society of Engineers in America. Other departments in America are doing similar practical work along other lines.—University Press Bulletin.

Mrs. Mary Brewer came over from Ellinwood Friday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence O'Neal.

Sara Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Barrieklow spent Sunday in Ellinwood the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McMullen.

blessed with children of their own they have raised a family of five. Mrs. Garvey was a good consistent Christian woman, a member of the Baptist church, a natural home maker and loved and respected by all who knew her.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 26 at the home of Cleve Gilmore, conducted by Rev. Westwood.

The Grief stricken family have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

### Thornberg

Wm. Thornberg died Sunday morning at his home in this city. He had been a sufferer from tuberculosis for several years and had traveled a great deal in hopes of being cured of the dread full disease.

In 1893 he was married to Miss Eva Hainline and to them six children were born, who with his wife, mother, three brothers and a sister are left to mourn his loss.

He was 40 years, six months, and 23 days old, at the time of his death. He was a man well liked by everyone and his death is mourned by many.

The funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:30 at the Methodist church.

### Schneck

Paul Schneck, one of the oldest settlers of this county died at his home north of town Sunday. He has been in apparently good health for a man of his age until a few weeks before his death.

He was born in Pennsylvania, November 12, 1836, and was 74 years, 3 months and 14 days of age at the time of his death.

When but a young man the war broke out, and he enlisted in company H 2nd Illinois artillery and served until the war closed.

He was married in 1866 and to this union nine children were born, six of whom with the wife are left to mourn his loss. The children are Mrs. Jim McDonald,

### In New Location.

The J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co. are now permanently located in the building constructed for them on North Main St.

Their room is 60x100 feet and high enough to permit separators and engines to be stored and moved about with ease. These people now have a complete line of samples on display, including engines, separators, shellers, road machinery of all kinds and the Case automobile.

They will also handle a full line of belting and thresher's supplies of all kinds and a complete assortment of repairs for all their various lines of machinery.

The place has been made a regular branch house by the company and will handle the business of Western Kansas.

The local managers are men of business and whose integrity and long experience in this business judgment is such under their management this business is bound to prosper and become one of the noted institutions of Western Kansas. A careful perusal of their advertisement in this issue will interest you.

Jos. Wilberding, of Spearville was in Great Bend Sunday and joined the Knights of Columbus bunch who attended the K. C. installation at Claffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Ashpole, of Tecumseh, are here for a visit with their son, Henry Ashpole.

Miss Alice Bowman, of Tulsa, Okla., who has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. E. R. Stultz, left last Friday for Denver.

J. R. Harris and wife have returned to their home at Northborough, Iowa, after a visit here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Louis Epstein has returned to her home in Oklahoma City after a several weeks visit with relatives here and in Hoisington.

Mrs. E. H. Tubbs visited friends in Stafford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eason Johnson, of Hutchinson, have been here visiting Mr. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Johnson and family.

Mrs. M. J. Davis, of Wichita, was the guest of Mrs. Ella Coughlin this week.

Mrs. Andy Ruble, Mrs. Geo. Land Frank, Bert, and Emma Schneck. He was a member of the German Lutheran church and was a good Christian man and the bereaved wife and children have lost a loving husband and father.

The funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the home. The relatives have the sympathy of the community.

### Hagen.

The grim reaper, Death, on Monday of this week again entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hagen of the south side and called to the heavenly home, their little daughter, Ada, whose serious illness was mentioned in last week's paper. The little one was born November 24, 1908 and was two years, two months and twenty-seven days old at the time of her death. She was a winsome child, the especial pride of her parents and the idol of her older brothers and sisters and the home is doubly saddened in her death. The funeral services were held at the home Monday, and the body laid to rest beside that of the sister who had preceded her to that better land but the week before and the two little sisters happily united in the arms of Him who doeth all things well will patiently watch and wait for that grand reunion when papa and mamma and brothers and sisters will gather around that great white throne to be together for ever.—Ellinwood Leader.

### Frank Dolechek.

Frank Dolechek died Wednesday evening at 8:35, aged 43 years. He had been in poor health for the last year and a half, and for the past six months has been confined to the house most of the time. His trouble was a cancerous growth in the flesh starting first in the lower limb. An operation was performed several months ago to remove this and later the limb was amputated and since that time

### Talk Before an Honorary Society.

Professor George B. Mead, of the philosophy department of the University of Chicago, will deliver an address at the University of Kansas March 3, under the auspices of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society. There are two honorary societies at the University. The Phi Beta Kappa represents the literary departments and the Sigma Xi, the scientific.

To be a member of the former, a student must have made a high record in scholarship during his University course. The rules of this society permit the election to membership of not to exceed one-fourth of the graduating class. The members of Sigma Xi, are elected at various times during the year. The society holds frequent meetings at which the students and professors are interested are discussed under the leadership of some specialist in each line of research.—University Press Bulletin.

J. R. Garrett, of Timken was visiting friends here Saturday.

Flem Harris and wife have returned to their home in Kinsley. They were here to attend the Harris-Emly wedding.

Mrs. Fred Hower is here visiting her sister, Mrs. E. W. Seward.

Jim Daily is able to be at home again after a several weeks stay in the hospital.

Roy McMullen visited relatives here a few days this week. He is attending Law school at Lawrence and will graduate this spring.

Henry Born has returned from the eastern markets.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thorpe and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abbott left last Friday night for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will make their future home.

Miss Flora Smith is in Kansas City and Chicago buying her spring millinery.

E. W. Moses and wife visited with relatives in Kansas City last week.

I. N. Mullin, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Whitman, Mrs. Sam Bott and Mrs. McCorkle were here Monday from Olmitz to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hutson.

he has been confined to the bed most of the time, the growth breaking out in various places over his body. Everything was done that could be, but nothing brought relief.

The funeral will be held tomorrow, Friday, morning at 10 o'clock at the Catholic church in this city and interment will be made in the Dubuque cemetery.—Claffin Clarion.

### Muntz.

The friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Muntz were shocked to hear of her death. Heroic efforts were made to save this loved one's life but to no avail. Death occurred at the home near Seward Tuesday morning, February 21, at 9:20 o'clock. She was aged 57 years, 3 months and 7 days.

Mrs. Muntz, was born in Saginaw county, Indiana, and in her early life moved to St. Clair Co., where at the age of 24 she was united in marriage to Mr. Irwin Muntz, December, 17, 1878. In 1881 they moved to Smith county, Kansas, and a few years later to Stafford county where she lived until her death. She leaves a husband and six children beside a host of friends to mourn her death. Two daughters, Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Clark and one son married and moved away, leaving two sons and one daughter, a blooming rose bud at home. It is sad to think Death's Angel lovers over that once happy home. A mother is gone, her gentle voice is stilled, she had crossed the shining shore, where we know she is happy with loved ones over there.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled, Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on his gentle breast, There by his love o'er shaded, Sweet thy soul shall rest.

The family have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.—Tribune.

### Knights of Columbus at Claffin.

Forty-one Knights of Columbus from this city and forty from Hoisington, journeyed to Claffin last Sunday to be present at the initiation of a class of 23 into membership in the order at the latter place.

The Great Bend bunch left at 12:30 via Hoisington having, a special train provided for their convenience.

The degree work was put on by State Deputy Chas. McCarthy, and his staff. Beautiful music was furnished by the Kramer orchestra and a fine banquet was served by the ladies of the church.

The K. C.'s are surely making rapid strides in Central Kansas, and why shouldn't they? They are a class of "jolly good fellows," and their insurance is Gilt Edge.

### Real Estate Transfers.

For the week ending February 25, 1911, furnished by the Barton County Abstract & Title Co., Great Bend, Kansas.

John Dunn-J. C. Hoekinsmith, W D part of blk 1, Claffin, \$150; Alois Schwager-J. L. & Alice Turner W D part of n w 1-4 of 4, 18, 13, \$300.

J. B. Miller-Caroline Morris, W D lot 1, 2, blk 45 Great Bend \$50.00.

C. A. Weltmer-D. L. Kuhns W D lot 10 blk 136, Great Bend \$700.00.

Carl Manweiler-Peter Schneider, W D lot 1 blk 2 Town Co's 1st add Hoisington, \$1.00.

Gottfried Eichman-George Kraft W D lot 3 blk 4 Town Co's 1st add Hoisington, \$1.00.

Edward Baier-Nick Lichter, W D ne 1-4 of 35 17 15 \$11,500; Beckett Bros-W. H. Hoekinsmith, W D lot 15 blk 3, D. O. Gray add Hoisington, \$125.

Beckett Bros-J. R. Murphy W D lot 14 blk 3 D. O. Gray's add Hoisington, \$125.

S. A. Sponseller-C. N. Vanhooser, W D lots 1, 2, blk 12 W. Hoisington \$1,100.

Geo. N. Barker et al-J. W. & E. J. Jackson, W D lot 9 and e. 10 ft of lot 8, blk 81, Great Bend \$3,000.00.

Lucas Hipp-Sophia Hipp, W D w 1-2 o blk 51 Ellinwood, \$1.

Joseph W. Foulks-J. S. Vanmair & P. C. Kepplin, W D lot 4 blk 36, Hoisington, \$1.00.

Geo. M. Caraway-Lessie J. Beatrice, & Kent Caraway, W. D. an und. 1-4 int. in se 1-4 of 19-19 13, \$3,750.

E. R. Ruch-J. B. Hoffman, W. D. n 1-2, of n e, 1-4 of 36-16 12, \$4500.

E. R. Ruch-J. B. Hoffman, W. D. S 1-2 of ne 1-4 of 36, 16, 12, \$4500.

W. T. Shock-Henry W. Ford, W D part n w 1-4 of 4 18 13 \$1.

W. H. Rice-Mathias Sausen, W. D. lots 6, 7, blk 6 Cheyenne Hgts Hoisington, \$500.

D. O. Gray-Elizabeth J. Gwin W D lot 17, blk 5, Hoisington, \$975.00.

G. F. Starr-A. I. & Anna Ferris, W D lot 1, blk 12, Albert \$1000.

D. O. Gray-John Fanestil, W D lots 6, 7, blk 2 D. O. Gray's add Hoisington, \$225.

Eva Hauser-Frank Harmeke W D sw 1-4 of 13, 19, 12, \$15000.

Edward Childs-Louisa Wilson, W D lots 1, 2, blk 7, Wm. R. Smith's add Hoisington, \$750.

Prof Shirk's lecture on the Passion Play given at the high school auditorium Friday night was attended by a crowd which taxed the seating capacity of the house and was very interesting.

Charley Morrison, and son, Carl, have returned from a several weeks visit in California.

Mrs. Geo. Winstead, of Hutchinson, visited relatives here Monday.

J. Geo. Brinkman is home from a business trip in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Panning came in from Kansas City Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Misses Edith and Gertrude Wilson, of Hoisington, visited with their sister, Mrs. Chas. Younkin, Saturday and Sunday.

J. B. Prose, of Hoisington was here on business Monday.

Mrs. W. P. Feder and daughter, Florence, returned Saturday night from Topeka where they visited with Mr. Feder.